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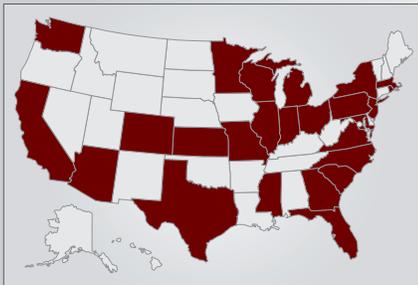
TERRORISM IN THE UNITED STATES

100 INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN THE U.S. ON OFFENSES RELATED to the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) since March 2014, when the first arrests occurred. Of those:

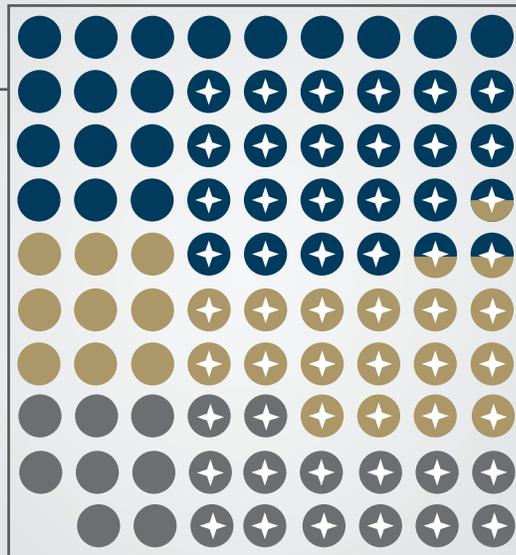
The average age of those charged is **26**

89% are male

Their activities were located in **25** states



The average length of sentence in years **10.1**



46 HAVE PLEADED OR BEEN FOUND GUILTY

46% were accused of attempting to travel or successfully traveled abroad

30% were accused of being involved in plots to carry out attacks on U.S. soil.

58% were charged in an operation involving an informant and/or an undercover agent.

★ indicates law enforcement operation

ISIS-Related Apprehensions/Charges

MOHAMED BAILOR JALLOH

JULY 3 26 VA

Mohamed Bailor Jalloh, a 26-year-old naturalized U.S. citizen from Sierra Leone, was arrested and charged with attempted to provide material support to ISIS. Jalloh, a former member of the Army National Guard, came to the attention of the FBI in March 2016, when a now deceased member of ISIS "brokered an online connection" between Jalloh and an individual in the U.S. later revealed as an FBI confidential human source (CHS). According to the complaint, Jalloh told the CHS he had recently traveled to Nigeria, where he met local members of ISIS. Additionally, Jalloh allegedly expressed interest in joining ISIS in Libya and conducting a terrorist

attack in the U.S. In June 2016, Jalloh made a number of unsuccessful attempts to obtain firearms. On July 2, Jalloh purchased an assault rifle, but "unbeknownst to [him], the rifle was rendered inoperable." Jalloh was arrested the following day. Source: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Jalloh Criminal Complaint](#), [Jalloh Affidavit in Support of Criminal Complaint](#)

MUNIR ABDULKADER

JULY 7 21 OH

Charges filed against Munir Abdulkader, a 21-year-old Ohio resident, were unsealed. In May 2015, Abdulkader was arrested and charged with conspiracy to kill a government employee, conspiracy to provide material support to ISIS, and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence. According to court documents,

Abdulkader made plans to travel to Syria to join ISIS, but postponed his trip due to concerns about his ability to travel. In May 2015, Abdulkader allegedly communicated with individuals overseas who he believed were members of ISIS, one of whom was British ISIS propagandist Junaid Hussein. Hussein allegedly encouraged Abdulkader to conduct an attack in the U.S. targeting a military employee. Abdulkader pleaded guilty in March 2016, and is currently awaiting sentencing. Source: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Abdulkader Affidavit in Support of Criminal Complaint](#), [Abdulkader Plea Agreement](#)

YUSUF WEHELIE

JULY 7

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Yusuf Wehelie, 25, of Virginia, was arrested and charged with possession of firearms by a convicted felon. Though he currently faces no terrorism-related charges, Wehelie allegedly made violent, pro-ISIS comments to an undercover FBI agent, including allegedly threatening to use explosives to attack a military recruiting station if he were denied travel overseas to join the group. He was arrested while transporting four machine guns from Maryland to Virginia. Source: [Washington Post](#), [Fox5](#), [Wehelie Criminal Complaint](#), [Wehelie Affidavit in Support of Criminal Complaint](#)

HARIS QAMAR

JULY 8

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Haris Qamar, a 25-year-old U.S. citizen and Virginia resident, was arrested and charged with attempting to provide material support to ISIS. According to the complaint, Qamar operated over 60 unique Twitter accounts, each of which included the phrase “newerajihadi” in the account name. In a series of communications, Qamar allegedly told a cooperating witness that he enjoyed watching ISIS propaganda videos and, on one occasion, stated that “when it comes to brutality on the kuffar [non-believers], he has an ‘unlimited appetite.’” Source: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Qamar Complaint](#)

GREGORY HUBBARD, DARREN ARNESS JACKSON, & DAYNE ATANI CHRISTIAN

JULY 22

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Gregory Hubbard, 52, Darren Arness Jackson, 50, and Dayne Atani Christian, 31, were arrested in Florida and charged with conspiring and attempting to provide ma-

terial support to ISIS. The three men, who go by the aliases “Jibreel,” “Daoud,” and “Shakur,” respectively, have allegedly condemned media portrayals of ISIS, praised terrorist attacks such as those in Orlando and Nice, and expressed the desire to join ISIS. Hubbard was arrested after clearing security at the Miami International Airport, where he planned to travel to Syria via Germany. Jackson was arrested after dropping Hubbard off at the airport, and Christian was arrested at his office. Christian faces an additional charge as a felon in possession of a firearm. The three are scheduled to be arraigned on August 5, 2016. Source: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Palm Beach Post](#), [Hubbard, et al. Criminal Complaint](#)

ROBERT BLAKE JACKSON

JULY 28

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Florida resident Robert Blake Jackson, 31, was arrested and charged with making false statements to a federal officer. Between 2014 and 2015, Jackson allegedly expressed his support for various terrorist groups, including ISIS, on his Facebook profile, which he operated under the alias “Abdur Rashid Bin Jackson.” During an interview with the FBI, Jackson allegedly lied about the content of his Facebook posts, how actively he posted on the social networking site, and his Internet search history (which included “ISIS news” and Anwar al-Awlaki’s lectures). When asked by a Facebook user, “Are you isis [sic]?” Jackson allegedly replied that he was not, but he wished he could help them. He is currently in federal custody. Source: [Pensacola News Journal](#), [R. Jackson Criminal Complaint](#)

NICHOLAS YOUNG

AUG. 3

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D.C. Metro Transit officer Nicholas Young was arrested for attempting to provide material support to ISIS. The 36-year-old served the transit police for 12 years prior to his arrest, but he first came to the FBI’s attention in 2010 due to his acquaintance with Zachary Chesser, and again in 2011 for his connections to Amine El Khalifi. Young believed he was communicating with ISIS operatives, when in reality he was in touch with undercover FBI officers. He allegedly purchased technological items to send to ISIS members to help them evade detection by U.S. authorities. Authorities stressed that Young never posed an immediate threat to the D.C. transportation system. Source: [DOJ Press Release](#), [ABC News](#), [Washington Post](#)

Legal Proceedings (ISIS and Other Groups)

ALEXANDER CICOLO

JUNE 30

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Alexander Ciccolo, a 23-year-old Massachusetts man, was indicted on charges of attempting to use of a weapon of mass destruction and attempting to provide material support to ISIS. Ciccolo, the son of a Boston police officer, allegedly plotted to detonate pressure cooker bombs in the vicinity of an unnamed university and referenced the Boston bombings as inspiration on a number of occasions. Ciccolo was arrested on July 4, 2015, and charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm. Source: [Boston Globe](#), [Reuters](#), [Ciccolo Complaint](#), [Ciccolo Superseding Indictment](#)

JAMES GONZALO MEDINA

JUNE 30

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James Gonzalo Medina, a 40-year-old U.S. citizen and Florida resident, was charged by superseding indictment with attempting to damage religious property. On May 2, 2016, Medina was arrested and charged with attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction in a synagogue in Aventura, Florida. The criminal complaint states that the FBI launched an investigation into Medina in late March 2016 “based on his suspected desire to attack a Jewish center/synagogue.” On April 29, Medina took possession of an inert explosive device and was arrested while approaching the synagogue. The criminal complaint made reference to numerous foreign terrorist organizations. Source: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Medina Criminal Complaint](#)

AMINA MOHAMUD ESSE

JUNE 30



Court records unsealed on June 30 revealed that Amina Mohamud Esse, a Minnesota woman arrested for providing material support to al Shabaab, pleaded guilty in November 2014. Allegedly a member of a group of women sending funds to al Shabaab, Esse agreed to cooperate with investigators shortly following her arrest. Unsealed records indicate that Esse is scheduled to testify for the government in the trial against Muna Osman Jama and Hinda Osman Dhirane, two alleged members of the group charged with 20 counts of providing material support to al Shabab. As part of her plea agreement, Esse was placed on probation, banned from leaving Minnesota or obtaining international travel doc-

uments, and ordered to undergo a mental health evaluation. Esse is awaiting sentencing pending the outcome of her cooperation. Source: [Minneapolis Star Tribune](#), [Associated Press](#), [DOJ Press Release](#), [Esse Motion to Seal Guilty Plea](#)

MAHIN KHAN

JULY 1

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Mahin Khan, an 18-year-old Arizona resident, was arrested on terrorism-related offenses involving a conspiracy targeting Motor Vehicle Division office buildings in Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona. According to the press release from the Arizona Attorney General, “The charges stem from an investigation into Khan’s alleged repeated communication and conspiracy with an individual whom he believed to be a fighter with ISIS ... to obtain weapons including pipe bombs or pressure cooker bombs.” According to the affidavit in support of Khan’s arrest warrant, Khan allegedly told an individual whom he believed was a member of Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) that he was an “ISIL and TTP supporter.” On July 6, Khan was indicted on state-level charges of terrorism, conspiracy to commit terrorism, and conspiracy to commit misconduct involving weapons. He pleaded not guilty on July 12. Source: [Arizona Attorney General Press Release](#), [ABC](#)

YAHYA FAROOQ MOHAMMAD

JULY 3

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July 3: Yahya Farooq Mohammad, a 37-year-old man from the United Arab Emirates, was indicted on additional charges of attempted first degree murder of a federal officer, solicitation to commit a crime of violence, and use of interstate commerce facilities in commission of murder for hire. In September 2015, Mohammad and three other men—his brother, Ibrahim Zubair Mohammad, and brothers Asim Ahmed Salim and Sultane Roome Salim—were indicted on charges of attempting to provide material support to al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), providing material support and resources to terrorists, conspiring to commit bank fraud, and conspiring to obstruct justice. The indictment alleges that the men conspired to travel to Yemen in order to provide thousands of dollars to Anwar al Awlaki, the late American AQAP ideologue. According to the superseding indictment, Mohammad attempted to kidnap and murder the U.S. District Court Judge assigned to his pending terrorism case. Source: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Mohammad Superseding Indictment](#)

AKBA JIHAD JORDAN & AVIN MARSALIS BROWN

JULY 5

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Akba Jihad Jordan and Avin Marsalis Brown, both U.S. citizens and North Carolina residents, were sentenced to federal prison. Jordan and Brown, both 23, were arrested in March 2014, and pleaded guilty in the fall of the same year. Jordan was sentenced to nearly 8 years in prison and 5 years of supervised release; Brown was sentenced to 9 years in prison and 5 years of supervised release. Jordan and Brown were the first individuals charged for ISIS-related offenses in the U.S. [Source: Associated Press, Jordan Judgment, Brown Judgment](#)

DANIEL FRANNEY

JULY 12

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Daniel Franey, 33, pleaded guilty to illegal possession of firearms. The Washington State resident handled multiple firearms between September and November 2015. As early as April 2015, Franey was the subject of several complaints charging him with espousing pro-ISIS rhetoric and encouraging the murder of U.S. law enforcement, military personnel, and non-Muslims. A permanent protective order prohibits Franey from owning firearms. He was arrested on February 6, 2016. [Source: DOJ Press Release, Criminal Complaint](#)

JOSEPH HASSAN FARROKH

JULY 15

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Joseph Hassan Farrokh was sentenced to 102 months in prison and 10 years of supervised release for attempting to provide material support to ISIS. Farrokh, 28, and Mahmoud Amin Elhassan, 25, both Virginia residents, conspired to leave the country to fight with ISIS in Syria. Court documents indicate that Farrokh gave Elhassan \$600 to cover travel fees, shaved his beard to deflect attention, and told friends and family he was going to Saudi Arabia to study. He was arrested on January 16, 2016, at Richmond International Airport. [Source: DOJ Press Release, Washington Post](#)

SAFYA ROE YASSIN

JULY 20

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A superseding indictment against Safya Roe Yassin, a 38-year-old woman from Missouri, charged her with a second count of communicating threats and conspiracy. Yassin faces a total of three counts for allegedly conspiring to use her Twitter accounts to threaten and solicit violence against two current FBI employees and two former U.S. military personnel. The court documents allege that, from May 2015 until her arrest on February 18, 2016, Yassin used at least 97 Twitter accounts to promote ISIS and advocate violence against U.S. citizens and employees of the U.S. government and military. [Source: DOJ Press Release, Superseding Indictment, Criminal Complaint](#)

ADAM DANDACH

JULY 25

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Adam Dandach was sentenced to 15 years in prison for attempting to join ISIS in July 2014. Dandach, now 22, pleaded guilty to attempting to provide material support to ISIS and making false statements in a passport application in August 2015. According to legal documents, Dandach arranged to travel to Syria in order to join ISIS after reading propaganda about “achieving martyrdom through jihadi fighting,” and contacted fellow ISIS supporters to find out how to join the group. In 2014 Dandach lied on his passport application, stating that he had lost the document when, in reality, a family member had taken it “in 2013 when he expressed an interest in traveling to Syria.” Dandach said he had no issue perjuring himself, saying he would be more upset if he did not make it to Syria than if he “got in trouble.” He faces a lifetime of supervised release after the completion of his sentence. [Source: DOJ Press Release, Dandach Criminal Complaint](#)